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SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING 12/6/73: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

REF: A) USNATO 5674; B) STATE 235988; C) STATE 230821

1. ECONADS ON DECEMBER 6 CONTINUED DISCUSSING OF FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

2. EAST-WEST STUDIES. MISSION DREW UPON PARA 5 REFTEL B FOR GUIDANCE. COMMITTEE AGREED TO COMBINE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY STUDIES INTO TWO ANNUAL MEETINGS; FOR NORTHERN TIER (POLAND, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA), AND SOUTHERN TIER (HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, ALBANIA). SOVIET UNION WILL HAVE SEPARATE ANNUAL STUDY. COMMITTEE WILL OCCASIONALLY STUDY ECONOMIES OF CHINA AND CUBA BUT NOT ON ANNUAL BASIS. MISSION WILL PERIODICALLY INFORM COMMITTEE OF U.S. TOPICAL STUDIES TO ASSIST IN PLANNING ECONAD TOPICS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (LAULAN) INVITED OTHER DELEGATIONS TO DO LIKEWISE. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE BY WASHINGTON EXPERTS, AND STATED INTENTION TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS TO FACILITATE THEIR PRESENCE. HE WILL ISSUE PROPOSED CALENDAR SOON, SEEKING FIRM DATES FOR COUNTRY STUDIES AND TOPICAL STUDIES ALREADY AGREED UPON. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. WEST-WEST STUDIES. WE EXPRESSED RECEPTIVENESS TO INCREASED ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SECURITY ISSUES (ENERGY, ARMS COOPERATION, INFLATION AND DEFENSE SPENDING) LISTED PARA 3, REFTEL B. WE REQUESTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON RAW MATERIALS

TOPIC (EMPHASIZING NEED FOR SECURITY LINK), PER REFTEL 3.
CHAIRMAN SAID ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WOULD SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSALS
FOR ECONADS' CONSIDERATION ON INFLATION AND DEFENSE SPENDING,
ARMAMENTS COOPERATION, AND RAW MATERIALS.

4. TURKISH REP, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, STRONGLY SUPPORTED
THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR AN ECONOMIC STUDY ON THE THREE
DEVELOPING MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. HE PARTICULARLY STRESSED
THE PROBLEMS POSED FOR THEIR ECONOMIES AND DEFENSE CAPABILITY
BY THE RETURN OF MIGRANT WORKERS DUE TO ENERGY-RELATED ECONOMIC
SLOWDOWN IN EUROPE. HOWEVER, HE WITHDREW HIS SUPPORT FOR THIS
PROPOSAL WHEN GREECE AND PORTUGAL, ALSO ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS,
OPPOSED IT. LATTER COUNTRIES DID NOT CITE REASONS FOR OPPOSITION.
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